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SUBJ SULTAN OF OMAN VISITS EGYPT

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1. MAY 16-19 VISIT BY SULTAN QABUS GIVEN DUE ATTENTION BY
GOE WITH BANNER HEADLINES AND PUBLIC CEREMONY, NOTABLY NAVAL
EXERCISE IN WHICH EGYPT DISPLAYED "ANTI-SUBMARINE" HELICOPTERS
FOR FIRST TIME (REFTEL). (VISITING ARAB INDUSTRIALIZATION
ORGANIZATION DEFENSE MINISTERS ALSO ATTENDED REVIEW.)

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2. QABUS VISIT, WHICH STAYED AT OR NEAR TOP OF PRESS FOR THREE
DAYS, PLACED IN CONTEXT OF TOUR OF ARAB HORIZON AND STRENGTHENING OF BILATERAL RELATIONS BUT MOST INTERESTING ASPECT
WAS MENTION OF OMAN'S "MAJOR ROLE" IN AREA SECURITY AND OF
PLANS TO FORM "FRONT" OF COUNTRIES ON GULF AND RED SEA.
PRESS FEATURED SADAT COMMENT ON TALKS MAY 17 STRESSING
"IMPORTANCE OF OMAN'S STRATEGIC POSITION" AND QABUS VIEW

ON IMPORTANCE OF GULF AND RED SEA SECURITY.

3. COMMENT: BLAND JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED LATE MAY 19 ACCORDED GULF ONLY ITS USUAL PRIORITY, WELL BELOW ARAB/ISRAELI PROBLEM. WE NEVERTHELESS EXPECT THAT EGYPTIANS HAD POSITION OF OMAN ON EAST FLANK OF TROUBLESOME PDRY, ETHIOPIA, AND SOMILIA AND ON FRONT LINE WITH IRAN, VERY MUCH IN MIND. PUBLICITY GIVEN TO DISPLAY OF EGYPTIAN "NAVAL MIGHT" SEEMED DESIGNED UNDERSCORE IMPORTANCE OF RED SEA AND GULF WATERS TO BOTH EGYPT AND OMAN AND PROVIDE NOTICE THAT ARAB INTERESTS THERE WILL BE DEFENDED. EILTS

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